



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means." ~ Albert Einstein

March 4, 2015

Blood Services Volunteer

March is American Red Cross month and the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross is using this opportunity to encourage volunteers to join a blood drive team. Team members greet and register those who want to give blood. After they donate, team members serve them snacks and drinks and monitor them to ensure they have had a positive and safe experience. Apply today! Once your application is received, you will be asked to complete a profile and give permission for a background check. Minimum age is 17. Please contact Sherri Miller at (812) 471-7200 ext. 317 or sherri.miller2@redcross.org. (www.redcross.org)

Warehouse Assistants

The Hoosier Hills Food Bank collects and distributes over 3 million pounds of food to nearly 100 other non-profits annually, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and youth programs that serve over 25,800 people. Warehouse assistants help with sorting donated food, repacking bulk product, general cleaning, picking-up donations, and processing large mailings, and general maintenance. Minimum age is 18; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Ryan Jochim at (812) 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Habitat ReStore Volunteer Orientations - March 14, 19, 28

Join a fun group of volunteers at the Monroe County Habitat ReStore! ReStore sells gently used home goods to the public and sponsors Habitat for Humanity homes with the proceeds. By donating your time and talents, you will be funding homes for Monroe County families in need of safe and affordable housing. You will also meet other great volunteers, assist with running a social enterprise, and learn new skills! If interested, please sign up to attend an orientation session. Orientations are held every other Saturday throughout the year. Upcoming orientations will be at 12:30 p.m. on March 14th; 5:30 p.m. on March 19th; and 12:30 p.m. on March 28th. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Sandy Messner at (812) 331-2660 ext.4 or volunteerrestore@monroecountyhabitat.org to register or to discuss alternate orientation times. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org/restore)

Kitchen Assistants

The Shalom Community Center is a day-time resource center for people experiencing homelessness and poverty. It provides basic services such as meals, mail and messages, storage, showers and laundry facilities. The kitchen team cooks breakfast and lunch meals from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can put your skills to good use by assisting with meal preparation, serving or clean up during part of that time. So join the team - you'll always find friends in the kitchen! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Mark Emerson at (812) 334-5734 ext. 23 or volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org. (www.shalomcommunitycenter.org)

Fill the Volunteer Gap during Spring Break!

Fill the volunteer gap during IU and MCCSC's vacation breaks! Your short-term assistance during spring break will be a huge help to the agencies who rely on volunteers to maintain their services year-round. Some of the organizations that have difficulty filling the volunteer gap are: Boys and Girls Clubs, Community Kitchen, Habitat ReStore, Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Interfaith Winter Shelter, Middle Way House, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and Shalom Community Center. Please contact Lucy Schaich at (812) 349-3433 or schaichl@bloomington.in.gov. (BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/fillthegap)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Pace Tutoring at Bloomington High School South

An academic support program helping students with their school work. To grant a wish, contact Nancy Voskuil at nvoskuil@mccsc.edu or (812) 330-7714. (1965 S. Walnut St.; www.mccsc.edu/bloomingtonhss)

Wishes: pencils, calculators, 3-ring binders, folders

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

